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Take your map and lay your rule down, from Knoxville to Charleston, and see how the road would run. It would pass by Sevierville, Tenn., Dillsboro, Webster, Rosman, N. C., and in to South Carolina at Eastatoe Gap, on by Pickens, Easley, Piedmont, near Laurens, Newberry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Bowman, Harleyville, Dorchester to Charleston; from Knoxville to Beaufort or Port Royal, we have practically the same towns in Tennessee and North Carolina, by Pickens, Anderson, Abbeville, Bradley in Greenwood county, Edgefield, Aiken, Barnwell, Hampton, to Beaufort.

This is much the better route, for there is a better section of country to go through, it is more densely populated and many more progressive towns along the route; besides, it comes in connection with the three great railway systems now traversing this state, at more frequent intervals, which makes it a better road for both freight and passenger service.

It could be built. Several ways could be devised; the right-of-way would be given, or sold at a nominal sum, timber for cross-ties (at least in this county) would be donated; the towns and counties through which it ran could take stock in it, issuing bonds to pay therefor; the state to furnish the labor, taking stock for pay; this much would build and iron it; then lease it, the lessee to furnish rolling stock.

Hon. George S. Legare says the plan is feasible, and that the road can, and he believes will, some day, be built, but whether by state aid or private capital he does not know.

We offer this idea to the people of the state to act on it if they see fit. Really, it is of very much more importance to the upper section of the state than it is to the lower, for they are much better supplied with railroad facilities than we are.

The time for living in the backwoods is past; no longer does the foot-trail or the ox-cart serve for our mode of locomotion and means of getting stuff to market. Fifty years ago produce was hauled to Hamburg by ox-team and goods freighted back by the same means clear into North Carolina, but that is hardly remembered by anybody now, except to wonder "how people got along 'way back yonder," but they did, and blazed the way for present-day activity and development.

Pickens county needs to be developed and will be; but our people ought not sit down and wait for this to be done by outsiders. The town of Pickens is entirely dependent for its trade and support on the upper section, but the town has never done anything in the way of material development for that section, except putting the Pickens Railroad in here. Of course this railroad has helped these townships, but not near so much as if the road had been extended on beyond Pickens.

It is up to the citizens of Pickens to do something to help this section and to gain, and keep, their trade. We know whereof

This we do know—it will pay Pickens to keep her eyes open and get in touch with some of these promoters.

Northern capitalists and surveyors have been for the past several weeks in the Blue Ridge mountains and have run routes on both sides of the ridge.

Col. S. A. Jones, of Waynesville, N. C., has financed his Trans-Continental Railroad, which is to run from Southport, N. C., into the mountains of Tennessee, by way of Brevard and Waynesville. A look at the map shows that this road can get through the mountains much easier by coming to Brevard, then through Eastatoe Gap, and staying on the south side of the range, will have a straight shoot to Southport, and can be graded at a nominal cost, whereas, if they go the upper route they will encounter much mountainous country and very heavy grade work. It is a coal-carrying road, and distance is no object if they can get the minimum grade at low cost.

There are a corps of engineers now engaged in running a line from Rutherfordton, N. C., to Drake's, on the G. & K. Ry., in Greenville county. No one seems to know who is behind this move. The G. & K. disclaim any knowledge, but putting two and two together, we believe it is the Seaboard. They have a road from tidewater at Wilmington, N. C., to Rockingham, Wadesboro, Monroe, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton, and intended building from there by Asheville into Tennessee, but the route was almost impractical and the cost entirely too great for the business they might get. While we have no way of knowing, our surmise is that the Seaboard is behind this survey from Rutherfordton, N. C., to Drake's, S. C., and that they will go on up the Oolenoy valley, through Eastatoe Gap, on by Franklin, Murphy, N. C., to Benton and across to Chattanooga, Tenn., or from Franklin, swinging in by Robbinsville and then to Knoxville. There is something in the wind, what it is we do not know.

We understand that the Greenville & Knoxville Railroad promoters find it costs too much to go the route they first contemplated, so they are considering using the Eastatoe Gap, as an opening through which to cross the Blue Ridge mountains.

Another railroad project is that by a big land and timber company, now holding large bodies of fine timber in this state and North Carolina. They contemplate a road from Marietta, S. C., on the G. & K., up the Oolenoy valley, through Eastatoe Gap and into North Carolina. We are reliably informed that this road is an assured fact, all the profiles and drawings are now in the hands of the company, and as soon as a few more minor points are disposed of it will be staked off and grading begun.

If any one of these projects go through it means much, very much to the Oolenoy valley, but little—little, to Pickens, for then the valley will blossom like the rose, stores will go up, towns will spring up, and Pickens will be high and dry. One man, talking to us, said he would be in a few miles of the road, which would pass through land he

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For the purpose of this election all qualified electors shall be allowed to vote, and "qualified electors" shall include all male citizens who are patrons of the Pickens cotton market, resident within the county of Pickens, who shall on or before the third day before the day fixed for such election, upon the production of his registration certificate procure from the Clerk of the town Council of the town of Pickens an additional certificate that he is a duly qualified elector, under the laws governing general elections in the state of South Carolina, and entitled to vote in the annual election for Cotton Weigher. Books of registration for this purpose are open and will be continuously kept open until the day before the said election for the purpose of registering all who may desire to vote in said election. The person receiving the highest number of votes cast in this election shall be the Cotton Weigher for the town of Pickens, and his term of office shall be for one year, and until the election and qualification of his successor.

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